

## **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT (AB2260) PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 was signed into law in September 2000 and requires that all schools provide parents and employees with an annual written notification of expected pesticide and/ or herbicide use on their site. Parents and employees who return the notification request form will be notified of any pesticide and / or herbicide application at their site at least 72 hours prior to the application. The only exemption is an event where it is necessary under an emergency situation such as Bees or Wasps. Notifications sent at least 72 hours prior are not required under the law for emergency applications. Ants, roaches and weeds do not qualify as emergencies as alternative non-pesticide methods are available.

Notifications sent at least 72 hours prior to any application disclose the product to be used and the active ingredient(s) of the product, the date when the product will be applied and the product hazard warning.

Actual dates of pesticide and/ or herbicide applications are determined by either the custodial or grounds departments and are coordinated between the department and the site manager. Prior to the application of a pesticide or herbicide product the site must be posted with warning signs in conspicuous locations around the school site. Postings will be placed 24 hours prior to application and remain for 72 hours after the application. Postings will indicate the product to be used; the active ingredient(s), hazard warning and date the area may be reentered.

When the application project is completed, all warning postings are removed from the site. All documentation recording the application is collected and filed at the school site and Maintenance and Operations Safety and Security. All files must be made available upon request to parents, employee's and/ or government agencies. All records must be retained by the District for three years and remain at the school site and Maintenance and Operations.